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Populace contributions: This newsletter depends on contributions from the populace of Dragonsspine for much of its content. We are proud to run several regular features, but these depend entirely on the contributions of populace members. We encourage all members of the populace to contribute features, articles, cover art and other creative works for inclusion in future issues of the Meiassis Dragon. Please direct these content submissions to chronicler@dragonsspine.org and be sure to include a completed Grant of Use form (see http://sca.org/docs/library.html#releaseforms).

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Lord Wilhelm Meis
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Rapier Guard:
Don Trevor MacRae, Captain
Doña Alexandria Morgan
Lord Anton du Vallier
Lord Conall Mac an Druaidh

Archery Guard:
Countess Eórann O'Connor, Captain
THL Lêofsige Õ Caoimh (aka Lyssa)
Sander von Zeitz

Ladies-in-Waiting:
Lady Zaahira de la Sara, Head Lady in Waiting
Amicia de Braci
Sofie von Schönburg

Baroness's Companions:
Duchess Cainnleach Uliseir of Glendalough
Mistress Mary of Lyonshall

Court Herald:
THL Kiara Loftus

Baronial Champions

Warlord: Herr Sixtus Goetz
Defender: Lord Gianni Sangermano
A&S Champion: Mistress Lydia of the Pines
Ranger: Lord Tiberius Acilius Brutus
Shield of Honor: Lord Alric Godwynson
Bard: Lord Robert Hunteman

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September Calendar

September 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **Battlemoor IV** ♔ ⩤	2 **Battlemoor IV** ♔ ⩤	3	4 **Dance Practice** 6:30-8:30P Co Springs City Auditorium	5 **Fight Practice A&S Night** 6-9P Bear Creek Park	6	7
8 **Archery Pratice** 2-4 PM Sir Ton's Fields Black Forest **Fight Practice** 2-5 PM Woodstone Park	9 **Populace Meeting** 7-9 PM Penrose Library Carnegie Room	10	11	12 **Fight Practice A&S Night** 6-9P Bear Creek Park	13 **Crown Tourney** Caer Galen ♔ ⩤	14 **Crown Tourney** Caer Galen ♔ ⩤
15 **Archery Practice** 2-4 PM **Fight Practice** 2-5 PM **Crown Tourney** Caer Galen ♔ ⩤	16	17	18 **Dance Practice** 6:30-8:30P Co Springs City Auditorium	19 **Fight Practice A&S Night** 6-9P Bear Creek Park	20	21 **Aarquelle Defender** Aarquelle ⩤
22 **Archery Practice** 2-4 PM Sir Ton's Fields Black Forest **Fight Practice** 2-5 PM Woodstone Park	23	24	25	26 **Fight Practice A&S Night** 6-9P Bear Creek Park	27	28
29 **Archery Practice** 2-4 PM Sir Ton's Fields Black Forest **Fight Practice** 2-5 PM Woodstone Park	30					

Local events/activities Events outside the barony ♔ Outlands Royal presence ⩤ Dragonsspine Baronial presence

Recent Events

We Are the Champions

There was lots of fun, chivalry, honor & fighting/fencing at We are the Champions. The Baron and Baroness recognized members of the populace with awards. New champions were chosen by right of skill. Lord Ormr Bogsveiger presented Their Excellencies with 10 years' worth of award medallions. The event court report follows:

Morgan of Dragonsspine was give the Pride of Dragonsspine for his courtesy & chivalry.
Veronica Francesco was awarded a Gentle Dragon.
Lord Tiberius Acilius Brutus was awarded the Dragon's Fire and is also the new Archery Champion.
Astrid Tala, Svala, and Bjorn all earned White Tassels as Novice archers.
Sander Hrafneik and Bernard earned Black Tassels as Bowman archers.
Herr Sixtus Goetz is the new Heavy Weapons Champion.
Master Thorsteinn Vandringsmann was awarded the Dragon's Claw.
Lord Gianni Sangermano was awarded the Dragon's Grace and is our new Fencing Champion.
The Shield of Honor went to Alric Godwynson. This is the second time he has held this title.
Ethan (son of Robert & Isabeau) won the children's tournament.
James Duncannon was awarded the Gentle Dragon.
Mistress Lydia of the Pines was made the Guardian of the Golden Flame.
Sir Lothar vom Bergenwald was given the Treasured Jewel of Dragonsspine (Emerald for heavy weapons).

Congratulations to our new Champions and to all who received awards. HUZZAH!!
In Service,
THL Kiara Loftus, Court Herald

Upcoming Events

Battlemoor IV

Kingdom of the Outlands

Site: Stroh Ranch, 732 County Road 653, Rye, CO 81069
OPENS: 12:00PM WED, August 28, 2013—CLOSES: 12:00PM MON, September 2, 2013

Event Stewards: Master Oliver Mordrake & Mistress Seuilla de Córdoba (John Oliver & Sandra Oliver)
866-685-7607, autocrat.battlemoor@outlands.org

Site Fees: Pre-registered: $35 (adult, 16+ years); $10 (child, 10-15 years); $0 (child, 0-10 years); $50 (family cap);
$5 (non-member adult surcharge).
At gate: $45 (adult, 16+ years); $15 (child, 10-15 years); $0 (child, 0-10years); $65 (family cap);
$5 (non-member adult surcharge).
Day trip: $20 (adult, 16+ years); $5 (child, 7-13 years); $0 (child, 0-10 years); $5 (non-member adult surcharge).
Please make checks payable to "SCA - Kingdom of the Outlands".

Site is wet.

The Kingdom of the Outlands invites all as we gather in the shadows of mighty Outlandish mountains. Take classes and share knowledge in the A&S Pavilion, watch talented artisans practice their art on Artisans'Lane or spend pleasant hours with friends on Merchants' Row. Hone combat skills in heavy weapons, rapier or archery. All this and a revel each night are sure to create aneventfilled with laughter and camaraderie. For details on registration, schedules, RV services, site rules and much, much more, please visit www.Battlemoor.org.

Directions: From Dragonsspine, take I-25 south through Pueblo. Take exit 64-Lascar Road west (towards the mountains) for approximately 5 miles. Turn right on County Road 650. Follow the signs on in.

Crown Tournament

Barony of Caer Galen

Site: Quint Valley Fairgrounds 568 US Hwy 26, Byers, Co 80103
OPENS: 7:00AM SAT, Sept. 14, 2013 – CLOSES: 3:00PM SUN, Sept. 15, 2013

Event Steward: Jeanne-Marie Dubois (Jeanne-Marie Oliver) jeannary@yahoo.com 303-506-5092

Site Fees: Adults camping $15.00, Adults day tripping $10.00 and covers both days, Children 6-16 $5.00, under 6 Free
Family cap for camping $40.00, $5.00 non member surcharge will apply
Make checks payable to "SCA Inc - Barony of Caer Galen"

Once more the year goes through its cycle. Summer greens must wane and yield to Autumn golds. So too must the Outlands declare a tourney for the next Heirs to sit the Stag thrones. Caer Galen is honored to host 2013 Outlands Fall Crown Tournament and extends its hospitality to all for the weekend. This date is also the 10th anniversary of Caer Galen becoming a Barony. To mark this occasion there will be a suitable and epic party the evening of September 14th. The gates will be open on Friday Sept. 13th for those who wish to come out and set up their camps on Friday evening. RVs and popups are allowed only by the horse arena. Potable water on site. Dogs are allowed and MUST be kept on leashes at all times. Site is discreetly wet.

Tentative schedule: Any meetings will be announced once known. Saturday: 9:30 list opens, 10am court at Their Majesties' leisure, Crown tourney to follow court, Evening court at Their Majesties leisure, Donation Dinner 8:00pm, Caer Galen 10-year anniversary party.

Directions: From Dragonsspine: Take I-25 North to Denver, then take I-70 East to exit 316, Byers. At the T-intersection at the end of the off-ramp turn left (north) onto Main St., pass under I-70 and continue north about 1/2 mile to the Quint Valley Fairgrounds. Turn left (west) onto the fairground road. Gate will be located at the Quonset hut. Parking will be in the upper field and camping and list down in the lower field. Vehicles can be driven down to unload but please move them to the parking lot as soon as possible.

Aarquelle Defender

Shire of Aarquelle

Site: Pueblo Mountain Park 9112 Mountain Park Road, Beulah, CO 81023
OPENS: 10:00AM SAT, September 21, 2013 CLOSES: 9:00PM

Event Steward: Aegeon The Actor (Albert Lionelle) lionelle@gmail.com 719-966-7070

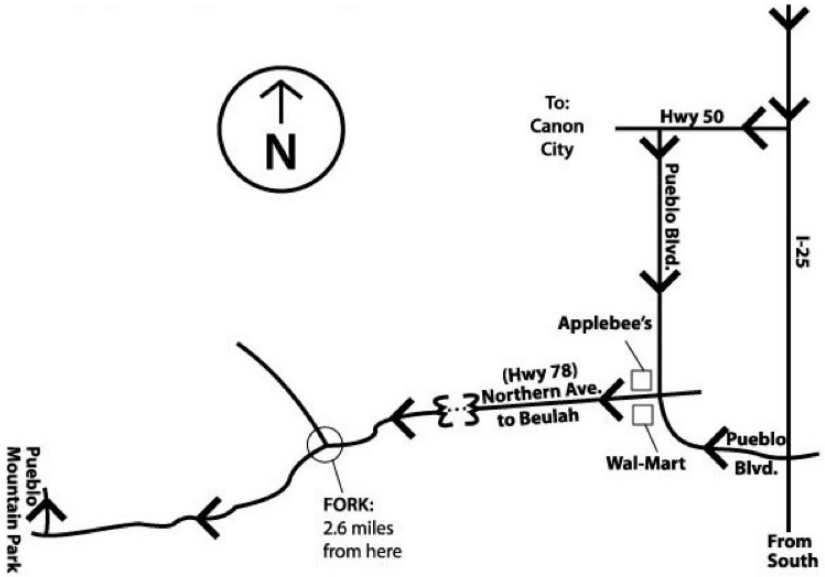
Site Fees: Ages 15+ years $6, Ages 6-14 $3, Under 6 yrs: free (non-member surcharge + $5).
Make checks payable to "SCA Inc - Shire of Aarquelle".

Site is discreetly wet for 3.2% alcohol only.

This year, enjoy the last days of summer, high up in the mountains watching the leaves turn gold, fighting under trees in the cool mountain breeze. Using different locations of the Pueblo Mountain Park, we will have Heavy, Light, Archery, and A&S competitions throughout the day, followed by an evening revel. For archery, expect a shoot with walking through the woods. The light fighters should bring a performance piece (a joke, juggling, a ballad, a poem, music, etc – keep it short) for a tournament that incorporates both the joy and art of the blade! Heavy fighters, bring your stamina and strength, as we continue in our traditional format that involves as much fighting as possible as quickly as possible. Remember to bring your first tries for our First Tries A&S competition or that piece you have been working on mastering for a while for the general A&S competition! Visit http://www.aarquelle.com for more information.

Directions:

From Dragonsspine: Take I-25 south, exit at Hwy 50 West toward Cañon City. Go about 5 miles to Pueblo Blvd and turn left (South). Go about 5 miles to Northern Ave. (Applebee's and Wal-Mart are on the corners), and turn right (West). Northern Ave. becomes Hwy 78. Go about 23 miles to Beulah, to a fork in the road. Go left at the fork, go 2.6 miles to the main entrance of the Pueblo Mountain Park, on the right. Enter the park, and follow the signs to Horseshoe Lodge/Pavilion.



Report from Scalene Pursuivant

The Scalene Herald Office Staff now includes:

- THL Kiara Loftus - Court Voice.
- Lord Alric Godwinson - Field Herald
- Wilhelm Meis – Consulting Herald
- Beatrix Elizabeth Pembrooke – apprentice herald.

Congratulations Sander von Zeitz and Sophie von Schonenburg. Your names were officially registered in the College of Heralds as of January 2013 and are for your unique use.
Congratulations to Malina of Mousehole. Your name was officially registered as of April 2013 for your unique use.
Congratulations to Gerald Beckett, and Veronica Olympia Francesco. Your names were officially registered as of May 2013 for your unique use.
Also Congratulations to Sophie von Schonenburg for the official registration of your device: Argent, on a bend sinister between two bees azure three oak leaves argent. Proudly display your device at events so all may know you!

The following is a list of items and their current (as of July 28th) status. Please ask me if you do not see your name/device/badge.

#	ITEM	MONTH SUBMITTED	CURRENT STATUS
1	Name: Malina of Mousehole	November	Accepted/Registered-Apr
2	Device: Seamus O Mourane	November	Being resubmitted/corrected
3	Name: Gerald Beckett	December	Accepted/Registered-May
4	Name: Veronica Olympia Francesco	December	Accepted/Registered-May
5	Badge: Selene of the Sky	December	Resubmit-June
6	Device Redraw: Sophie von Schonburg	December	Accepted/Registered-May
7	Device Redraw: Sander von Zeitz	December	Returned for Redraw-again
8	Name: Adelasia Bernoe	January	Being Decided (takes 1 month)
9	Device: Adelasia Bernoe	January	Resubmit-June (returned again)
10	Device: Gerald Beckett	January	Returned for Redraw-again
11	Name: Alric Godwynson	January	Being Decided (takes 1 month)
12	Device: Alric Godwynson	January	Being Decided (takes 1 month)
13	Name: Elizabeth of Saint Edmundsbury	January	Being Decided (takes 1 month)
14	Name: Beatrix of Ambleside	February	Being Decided (takes 1 month)
15	Name: Isabella Maria Francesco	February	Being Decided (takes 1 month)
16	Name: Asenath de Winter	February	Being Decided (takes 1 month)
17	Device: Asenath de Winter	February	Being Decided (takes 1 month)
18	Redraw: Laurentz von Rothenstein	February	Being Decided (takes 1 month)
19	Device: Elizabeth of Saint Edmundsbury	March	Laurel Commentary
20	Name: Trevor MacRae	March	Laurel Commentary
21	Device: Trevor MacRae	March	Laurel Commentary
22	Name: Aedicina nic Elpin	March	**Returned for name – too long a time span**
23	Device: Aedicina nic Elpin	March	**No conflicts (needs a name)**
24	Badge: Aedicina nic Elpin	March	**Returned for justification**
25	Name: Hugo the Theologian	June	**No conflicts**
26	Device: Hugo the Theologian	June	**Will be returned**
27	Device: Malina of Mousehole	June	**No conflicts**

Scalene - submitted	Castle	Rampart	Laurel	Passed/Registered

Please see me with any Heraldry questions in person or email (per the website). If you would like to see names for particular times and locations, include this information in your email.

In Service,
Duchess Selene of the Sky, Scalene Pursuivant

A word from the Chronicler

The *Meiassis Dragon* staff conducted a poll in May, in order to get a better sense of how the populace uses the newsletter and determine what format best suits the barony. The results are in, and they were decisive.

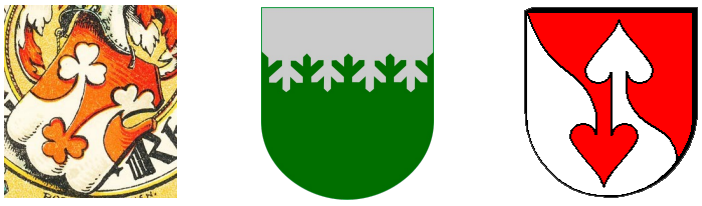
Question: We would like to know how YOU use the baronial newsletter, the *Meiassis Dragon*, and how we can better serve your needs. Please take a brief moment to provide feedback below.			
Responses	**Yahoo!**	**Facebook**	**Overall**
I read it online and prefer a simple format.	6/8 (75%)	9/12 (75%)	15/20 (75%)
I print a hard copy and prefer a report format (8-1/2"x11" pages).	0/8 (0%)	0/12 (0%)	0/20 (0%)
I print a hard copy and prefer a booklet format (11"x8-1/2" with center fold).	1/8 (12.5%)	0/12 (0%)	1/20 (5%)
Just give me a calendar and announcements!	0/8 (0%)	1/12 (8.3%)	1/20 (5%)
Help! I don't know what the *Meiassis Dragon* is or where to find it!	1/8 (12.5%)	1/12 (8.3%)	2/20 (10%)
I have another question or concern, and I will send a message privately.	0/8 (0%)	1/12 (8.3%)	1/20 (5%)

Since the majority of the populace prefers a simple format for easy online reading, we have decided to stay with the full-page report format (i.e. 8-1/2" wide by 11" long) that you see utilized in this issue. If you were one of the three who had a question or concern, I hope your questions have been adequately answered. If not, please send me a message at chronicler@dragonsspine.org and I will be happy to address your concerns.

In service,
Herr Wilhelm Meis
Chronicler

Updates and Corrections

In a previously published article ("Nobody Parties Like Heralds!", *MD* April 2013), I mentioned that the heraldic field could be parted along any complex line that occurs in heraldry. The examples I gave included the modern Finnish fir twig section and German "im Lindenblatt-schnitt" (parted per linden leaf), which resembles the spades in a deck of cards, each of alternating colors, encroaching into the field of opposite color. I stated that I had never seen evidence of this style of field division occurring in actual heraldry earlier than 1901. I am pleased to announce that I have found a period example in a 1516 woodcut print showing the arms of Hans Burgkmair der Ältere (found at http://www.zeno.org/nid/20003912248 and on Wikimedia Commons). - Wilhelm Meis



From left to right: 1) German arms "Im Kleeblattschnitt," reg. circa 1901; 2) fir twig section demonstrated in the Finnish municipal arms of Ylämaa vaakuna (1964–2009); 3) example of "Im Lindenblattschnitt"; 4) arms of Hans Burgkmair der Ältere, circa 1516. Images included here are in the Public Domain. Source: Wikimedia Commons.